

Fort MacArthur (500 Varas Square)  
Pacific Avenue  
San Pedro  
Los Angeles County  
California

HABS No. CA-2206

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

FORT MACARTHUR (500 Varas Square)

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Location:

Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, Los Angeles County,  
California

Present Owner  
and Occupant:

Department of the Air Force, Headquarters Space  
Division, Los Angeles, California

Present Use:

military base

Significance:

In 1846 the Mexican governor of Alta California, Pio Pico, directed that a 500 varas square of land facing onto San Pedro Bay be set aside as a government reservation (approximately 44.25 acres). The same boundaries of the original Mexican government reservation were recognized and affirmed by the United States Federal government after the American acquisition of California. In 1888 President Grover Cleveland established the 500 Varas Square as a military reservation. With the advent of America's entrance into the First World War, permanent buildings (housing) were added.

Twenty-seven of these permanent buildings dating from two construction periods, the first dating from 1916-18 and the second from 1933-34, remain basically intact. These buildings are architecturally significant as a representation of an institutional application of the then-popular Mission Revival and California Bungalow or Arts and Crafts Styles. The buildings form two ensembles; one grouped around the Patton Quadrangle and the second gathered around the Parade Ground. Their stature as ensembles is intensified due to their group orientation around these two large open spaces. These buildings are:

Eldg. 30 - Administration Building, 1916-18  
Bldg. 31 - Mess Hall; Post Chapel, 1916-18  
Bldg. 32 - Post Exchange and Gymnasium, 1916-18  
Bldg. 41 - Guard House and Fire Station, 1916-18  
Bldgs. 33, 36, 37, & 40 - Company Barracks Buildings,  
1916-18  
Bldg. 11 - Three-family Officers' Quarters, 1916-18  
Bldgs. 3, 7, 9, & 10 - Double Officers' Quarters,  
1916-18  
Bldgs. 1 & 5 - Single Officers' Quarters, 1916-18  
Bldgs. 51, 53, 55, 102, 103, 104, & 105 - Double  
N.C.O. Quarters, 1933-34

Bldg. 50 - Three-set N.C.O. Quarters, 1914;  
1916-18  
Bldgs. 52 & 54 - Two-set N.C.O. Quarters,  
1916-18  
Bldg. 60 - Bakery Building, 1916-18  
Bldg. 93 - Bachelor Officers' Quarters,  
1916-18

Each of these buildings is discussed in Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California: 1822-1941 A Public Report; which is part of the field records for this project. A summary of information pertaining to each of these buildings is contained in the following data pages.

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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Administration Bldg. (working drawing #392)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #30		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) One of the group of original permanent buildings constructed at Fort MacArthur between 1916-1918		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior, stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) Rectangular, plus front entrance porch; 54'-8" x 32'-8"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Its entrance porch with heavy concrete pieces establishes the visual (Mission) and structural (concrete & hollow tile) character of this two-story building		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) Such detailing as the wood balustrades of the interior stairs and the doors and their frames are Craftsman		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES Basically unaltered, except post office and boxes no longer in existence; since 1939-on		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Base Security Bldg.; building in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941</u> , A Public Report, p. 43		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Mess Hall; Post Chapel (1927)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #31; N.C.O. Club		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) A one-story structure which originally was "U"-shaped; it originally faced west onto Pacific Ave.		
STYLE (if appropriate) California, Craftsman bungalow		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Wood frame on concrete foundation; originally sheathed in wood shingles; board and batten below		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) Originally "U"-shaped; 68'-0" x 44'-0"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE None now present; originally the building possessed a broad porch covered by an open pergola		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) None		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES "U" now filled in; exterior now sheathed in stucco with a composition shingle roof; interior extensively altered; since 1939		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE N.C.O. Club		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, p. 43</u>		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Post Exchange & Gymnasium (working drawing #418)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #32; Post Judge Advocate Office		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) Building originally housed a reading room, a store, a lunch room, a gymnasium, and a bowling alley		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A basement & single story rectangular building; 95'-4" x 50'-4"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A porch with segmented arched openings faces west		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) The most unusual portion of the building was the gymnasium which rises two-stories high from the basement floor		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES The interior is much altered, including the construction of a floor dividing the former gymnasium into two rooms; since 1939 on		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Post Judge Advocate Office; good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-41 A Public Report</u> , p. 43		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Guard House & Fire Station (working drawings #421)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. 41; Guard House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) The combined guard house & fire station building was designed to match the post exchange and gymnasium building to the north		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A rectangular single story and basement building; 95'-0" x 44'-0"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE An open porch runs across the west end of the building; at the rear on the southside. There were originally two tall garage doors leading into the fire station		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) The main floor of the building is on three different levels. The Prison room with its 2 cages and 3 cells was situated 3'-5" below the Guard Room		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES A number of interior changes including the elimination of the Fire station; with its double garage doors; since 1939-on		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Not presently in use (1983)		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, p. 44		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56.		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) 4 Company Barracks Bldgs. (working drawings #415)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE #33, 36, 37 & 40 (Bldg. #36 used as Headquarter's Bldg.; others used for various offices)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) These four barracks buildings were arranged on an E/W axis to form what came to be designated as Patton Quadrangle..		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior cement stucco wall finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) Elongated rectangle; two stories with low-hipped roof; basement under center of building; measures: 158'-0" x 46'-0"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Segmented arches were employed on the ground level; heavy wood brackets extend the hipped roof out from the building		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) A small partial basement housed the hot water furnace; the first floor was used for a mess hall, and the dormitories were on the second floor		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES The interior has been divided into offices on both floors; remodeling has taken place from 1939-on		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Offices; buildings in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report</u> , p. 44		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Three Family Officers' Quarters (working drawings)		HABS No.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #11; Bachelor Officers' Quarters		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) Designed to appear as single family residence		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A rectangular two-story, plus basement building; with 2-story porch in front; 1-story porch on north side; 72'-0" x 38'-0"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The 2-story porch with 7 wood Tuscan columns suggests the Colonial Revival, rather than that of the Mission Revival		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) The interior became Colonial in a series of remodelings, 1940 & 1941, which included the enclosing of the second floor of the front porch and of the north porch		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES (See above)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Bachelor Officers' Quarters; good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941</u> , A Public Report, p. 44		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) 4 Double Set Officers' Quarters (working drawing #406)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldgs. #3, 7, 9 & 10; Double Officers' Quarters		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) Though supposedly Mission in style, much of their exterior proportions and details are Craftsman		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior, stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A simple rectangle with double projecting front and rear porches Measurements: 57'-0" x 31'-2"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The stucco walls and tile roofs make them Mission		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) Interior detailing, i.e. fireplaces and staircases are Colonial Revival		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES Some internal changes, especially in kitchen and baths; from 1930s on to present		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Double family housing; in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 - A Public Report</u> , p. 45		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) 2 Officers' Houses (working drawings)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldgs. #1 & 5; Single Family Officers' Houses (#1 Commanding Officer's House)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) Bldg. #1, as the house for the Commanding Officer, dominates Officers' Row and overlooks the Parade Grounds. Bldg. 5 (the east end of Officers' Row) is smaller in size		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior, stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) Porches open and enclosed project off these 2 two-story plus basement dwellings; #1 measures 46'-6" x 32'-6"; #5 measures 32'-5" x 31'-2"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Four widely spaced wood Tuscan columns support the half-hipped porch roof		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) Interior details Colonial		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES Some alterations in kitchen and bath; side and rear porches now enclosed, c.1940?		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Single family housing		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, p. 45		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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STATE California	COUNTY Los Angeles	TOWN OR VICINITY San Pedro, Los Angeles, CA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Two-set N.C.O. Quarters (working drawing #525)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldgs. #52 & 54; Double N.C.O. Dwellings		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) These two double houses were built at the same time as Bldg. #50		
STYLE (if appropriate) Craftsman Bungalow		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Concrete foundation; wood frame; sheathed in narrow wood clapboard siding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) Rectangular shape; measures 31'-4" x 33'-11", including porch		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Identical to Bldg. #50, except narrower		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) Same as Bldg. #50		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES The kitchens, pantries and baths have been remodeled; railing of porch and some windows changed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Double-family dwelling; in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, pp. 46 & 47		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49 & 56		
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) 7 Double N.C.O. Quarters "Types C&D" (working drawings)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldgs. #51, 53, 55, 102, 103, 104 & 105; Double Bachelor Officers' Quarters		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1933-34 (working drawings)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster, U.S. Army	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure)  The introduction of the Spanish Colonial Revival into Fort MacArthur		
STYLE (if appropriate) Spanish Colonial Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof; exterior, stucco finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A single rectangle; 2 stories high plus full basement; 52'-8" x 28'-8"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Excellent Spanish Colonial Revival details, including columned and arched entrance porch, grilled windows and corbelled and metalwork balcony		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) Spanish Colonial Revival Fireplace; some placed in corner		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES Basement garage converted to room; new windows to replace original metal casement windows		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Double housing; in good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, pp. 46 & 47		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Bakery Bldg. (working drawing #218)		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #60; Nursery Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1916-18 (O.Q.M.G.)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) A utilitarian building with a central roof ventilating monitor unit		
STYLE (if appropriate) Mission Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Reinforced concrete, hollow tile, tile roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) "T"-shaped; measures 63'-4" x 46'-2"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Segmented windows and doors used throughout the building; in scale it fits well with the adjoining residences to the west		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) None		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES Entire interior has been rebuilt, although the principal load bearing walls are still intact; major remodeling took place after 1939		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Not in use		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941</u> A Public Report, p. 47		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) See the Public Report (above), especially pp. 49-56		
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Bachelor Officers' Quarters		HABS No. CA-2206
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bldg. #93, Bachelor Officers' Quarters		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) c. 1916 (Records, Fort MacArthur)		ARCHITECT(S) (include source) Office of the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) Like Bldgs. 31, 50, 52 & 54, this story-and-a-half structure employs the image of the Craftsman Bungalow style. It may have been moved from a previous location (see Report, p. 47)		
STYLE (if appropriate) Craftsman Bungalow		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Concrete foundation; wood frame & sheathed in shingles		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate acceptable) A rectangle; measures 53'-9" x 37'-3"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Overhang of roof supported by triangular wood brackets		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) None		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES It is not known whether the front porch was originally glassed-in; numerous changes within; no information as to dates of alterations		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Not in use; in fair condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: David Gebhard, Lauren Bricker and David Bricker, <u>Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California 1822-1941 A Public Report, p. 43</u>		
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Fort MacArthur, San Pedro,  
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"100 Varas": Land Ownership Transactions

- 1822-June McCulloch, Hartnell and Co. (Hugh McCulloch, William Petty Hartnell), British firm based in Lima, Peru, obtain permission to make contracts with California Missions for exclusive rights to trade for cattle hides, tallow and other products for period beginning Jan., 1823.
- 1823 Gov. Sola grants petition asking for permission to build warehouses at Monterey and San Pedro. Built hide-house. 100 Varas sq. lot "later" marked out parallel to bluff line.
- 1828 McCulloch, Hartnell and Co. in financial trouble. Company sold and liquidated; Hartnell took over debts. San Pedro warehouse was closed.
- 1829 Hartnell sold hide-house to San Gabriel Mission; Fathers of the Mission conducted business there for 5 years.
- 1834 Abel Stearns requested and received grant for 100 Varas square lot at Port San Pedro upon which he could erect his own commercial structures- exact location unspecified. He used these rights to buy existing warehouse (hide-house) and designate area around it as his lot. He then repaired and expanded the hide-house. The hide-house became known as "Casa de San Pedro" from the time Stearns took over.
- 1837 Stearns obtains subscription from body of Los Angeles citizens to improve road from bluff to the beach.
- 1845 Stearns sold his San Pedro business to David W. Alexander and Juan Temple.
- 1846 Governor Pio Pico officially established a "Government Reserve" at the site. He specified in his decree that a 500 Varas Square at the port be left free for public purposes of access and commercial enterprise.
- 1851 Phineas Banning came to San Pedro, and within several years he took over the management of the hide-house business, although title to the property continued to remain with Temple and Alexander.



- 1857 Augustus Timms acquired interest in Rancho Palos Verdes.
- 1859 Augustus Timms obtains legal ownership of the warehouse.
- 1867 Temple sells or transfers his remaining property to Timms.
- 1879 September - The "Map of a Tract of Land 100 Varas Square" recorded.
- 1888 The 500 Varas section was declared a U.S. Federal Military Reservation by President Grover Cleveland. The 100 Varas lot and the hide-house continued to be listed as private property. Southern Pacific Railroad obtained partial rights to carry rail lines to terminus within the Military Reservation and to the hide-house lot.
- 1914 Military Reservation activated as Fort MacArthur. Permanent buildings erected in 1916-1918. These 1916-1918 structures and installations avoided the 100 Varas Square, which was still privately owned by George H. Peck and Julius Seick. 100 Varas didn't become government property until after 1922, when they deeded it to the State.

100 Varas: Notes

- 1822-June Calif. Registered Historical Landmark (CRHL) No. 920, Nomination Report, p. 1. Taken from Ogden, Adele, "Hides & Tallow: McCulloch, Hartnell & Co., 1822:1828," Calif. Hist. Soc. Q., 6:3, Sept. 1927, p. 255.
- 1823 Petition of McCulloch & Hartnell to Governor of Upper Calif., May 21, 1823. Hartnell Documents, Bancroft Library, from Ogden, A. op. cit., p. 256, note 9, CRHL-cover sheet-marking out 100 Varas Square.
- 1828 CRHL, op. cit., p. 2.
- 1829 March 22. Hartnell deeds property to Mission San Gabriel. Cited in CRHL, Bib., p. 3. Stearns Collection.
- 1834 8-8-1834, Stearns requests permission to build. 8-23-1834 Deed from San Gabriel Mission to Stearns. Stearns Collection, CRHL, 8ib., p. 3.
- 1837 Stearns obtained a subscription from a body of citizens-improve passage from bluff to beach. 4-8-1834 petition to bring water. Stearns Coll., CRHL, 8ib., p. 3..
- 1845 Deed-Stearns to Alexander & Temple. Banning Coll., Box 5A., CRHL, 8ib., p. 2.
- 1846 Sited under Trona Plant listing.
- 1851 CRHL, p. 3.
- 1857 Los Angeles County Office of Recorder Deed Book No. 4, p. 9. Cited by Hallock F. Raup, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, Los Angeles: Historical Society of Southern Calif., 1937, note 2, p. 9.
- 1859 Los Angeles County Office of Recorder Deed Book No. 4, p. 487. Cited by Raup, op. cit., note 21, p. 9.
- 1867 Deed Temple to Timms. Banning Co. Coll., Box 5A. Cited by CRHL, Bib., p. 2.
- 1879 "Map of a Tract of Land 100 Varas Square" - Lot 42. H.J. Stevenson Co. Surveyor. Los Angeles County Office of Recorder, Miscellaneous Records No. 53, p. 39.

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CRHL, p. 3.

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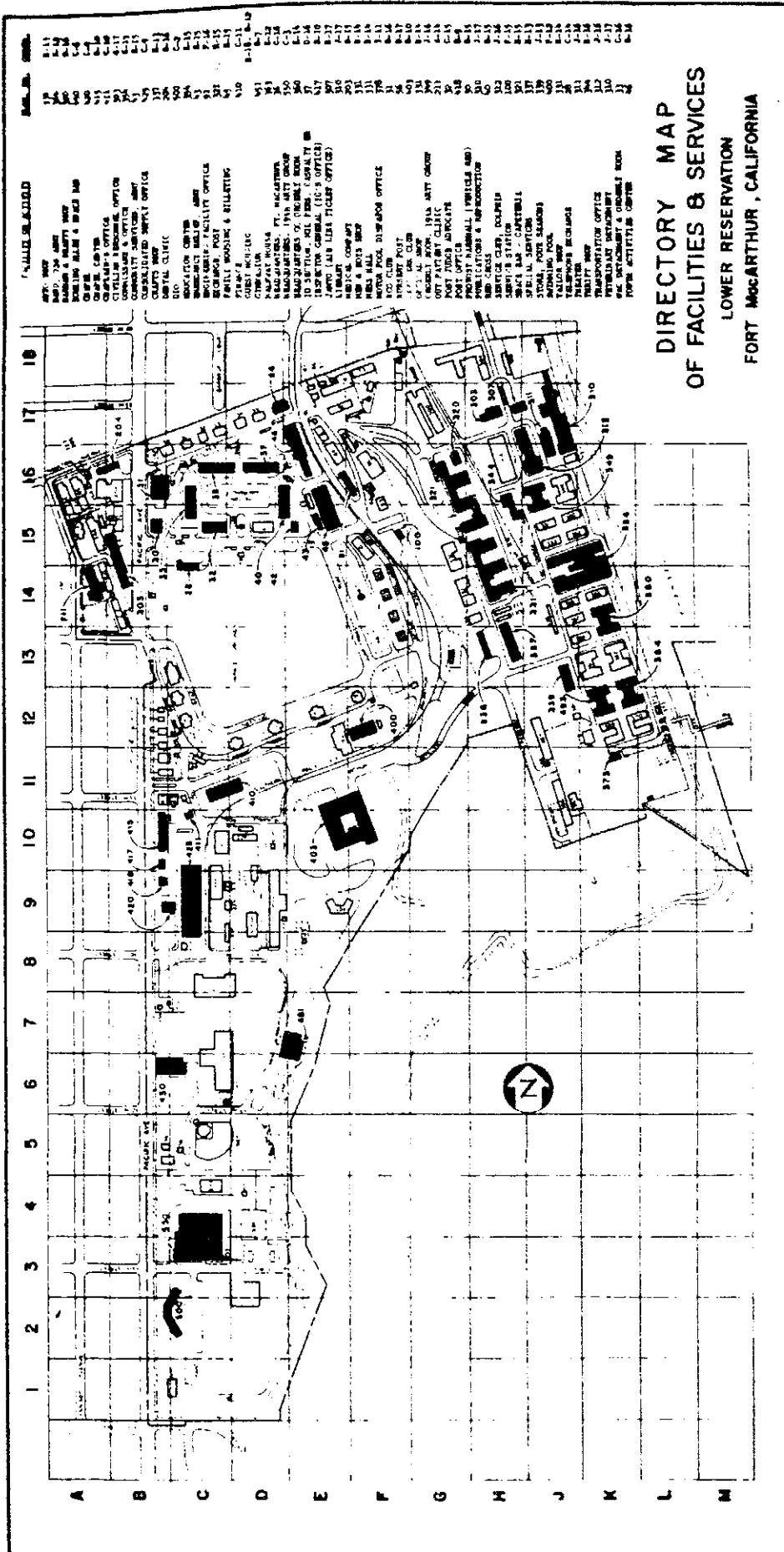
CRHL, op. cit., p. 3. (Geo. H. Peck - name associated w/Pacific Improvement Co. - held 1/2 interest in 100 Varas. Julius Seick also held 1/2 interest. Los Angeles County Assessors Book No. 211, p. 1, 1907-1912; 1922-1929) Up through 1933 - ea. indiv. was still assessed for taxes on the property.

Government Reserve: Land Ownership Transactions

- 1846 - June 3 - Governor Pio Pico establishes Government Reserve, "... to be left free on the beach of San Pedro five hundred varas in each direction of the four cardinal points..."
- 1848 - February 2 - Government Reservation becomes public reservation of the United States according to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (California formally relinquished by Mexico). Reservation not subject to survey nor to disposal as public land.
- 1856 - September 17 - Survey of Government Reserve recorded by Henry Hancock, County Surveyor. Surveyed July 31, 1856. Jose Loreto Sepulveda present at survey; claims that in February 1854, survey made of Rancho Los Palos Verdes and 500 varas called The Reservation and known as the Port of San Pedro.
- 1888 - May 5 - Southern Pacific Railroad Company completes line across eastern portion of Government Reservation.
- 1888 - September 14 - Government Reserve declared a Military Reservation by Executive Order of President Grover Cleveland.

Government Reserve: Notes

- 1846 - Los Angeles County Office of Recorder Deed Book  
No. 2, p. 376.
- 1848 - United States Senate, 55th Congress, 2nd Session,  
Document No. 144, "Letter from the Secretary of War..."  
February 16, 1898, p. 1
- 1856 - Los Angeles County Office of Recorder Deed Book  
No. 2, pp. 373-376.
- 1888 - United States Senate, op. cit., p. 2.
- 1888 - Los Angeles County Office of Recorder, Recorder's  
Filed Map No. 166; Recorder's Filed Map No. 703-R.



2. Site Plan of Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, Los Angeles, California; indicating buildings as of the early 1970s.